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FOR: SELF-CONTAINED CASSETTE MATERIAL CUTTER AND

METHOD OF CUTTING

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT- SPECIES ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2007, and the restriction requirement made therein, applicants have previously elect Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to an apparatus with an upper cutter portion in slideably movable contact with a lower cutter portion, for continued examination herein. Applicants further elect the species directed the blade arrangement of Fig. 4, and to the cutter base subspecies of Figures 1 and 2. Applicants submit that claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 are readable thereon.

Applicants respectfully rescind a prior traversal, and elect the foregoing without traverse.

Please direct any questions to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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